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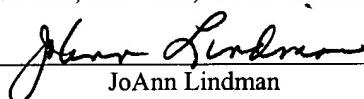
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed January 22, 2004, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending April 22, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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